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Orientation Briefings of foreign intelligence officer contingents

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1. A year ago, the Orientation Faculty briefed a group of [REDACTED] intelligence officers at the request of the Operations School. On 23 and 26 June, again at the request of the Operations School, it briefed a group of [REDACTED] intelligence officers. Apparently, both groups of officers were pleased with the results.

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2. For these briefings, the Orientation Faculty developed eight hours of lectures and discussions delivered on successive days, four hours each day. The objective of the briefings was to give the foreign officer an introduction to the basic concepts of intelligence as it is defined and used within CIA, to explain the intelligence process, to make clear how CIA coordinated the intelligence contributions of the intelligence community, and to explain how it supported its operations. Whether the officers were comparatively newcomers to intelligence, as were the [REDACTED] or fairly sophisticated, as were the [REDACTED], these briefings seemed to satisfy a direct need. In both cases, the officers appeared to be interested in methods of organizing data and producing intelligence.

3. The IO Faculty is now ready to give at short notice a flexible, fairly standardized short course to foreign officer contingents; it has the training aids, completed lectures, and a method of approach through an interpreter, this last a special technique the faculty has developed. The IO Faculty is prepared to repeat this course, with variations as necessary, to any foreign intelligence contingent, and would welcome the opportunity to contribute this service.

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